



# THE HIGHWAY

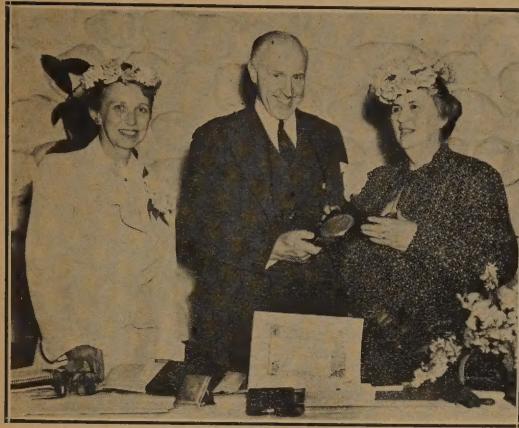


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## RECEIVES HIGHEST AWARD



Commissioner Miller receiving the bronze plaque of the Garden Club from Mrs. Charles W. Bolton, of Essex Fells, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of New Jersey's parkway program. Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, of Boonton, retiring president of the Garden Club, is at the left.

## Garden Club Award To Comm. Miller

Employees of Department Also Cited for Cooperation on Blue Star Drive

Award of a bronze plaque, the highest award in the gift of the organization, was made to Commissioner Miller on May 23 by the Garden Club of New Jersey at the Essex Fells Country Club. The award was in recognition of his efforts to develop a comprehensive parkway plan for New Jersey.

The Commissioner also received on behalf of State Highway employees an engraved certificate for meritorious achievement in cooperating with the Garden Club in creating the nation's first Blue Star Drive on Route 29, Union County.

Mrs. Charles W. Holton, wife of the Mayor of Essex Fells and chairman of the Awards Committee, voiced the appreciation of the Garden Club for the untiring efforts of Commissioner Miller and the staff of the Highway Department to enhance through parkway development the natural beauty of New Jersey. It was emphasized by Mrs. Holton that this was the first time in eight years that the Garden Club had seen fit to make such an award.

## Highway Enters Industrial League

Brackel Heads Department Baseball Team

For the first time since the middle 30's, the State Highway Department is represented in local baseball league competition. Headed by Henry Brackel, a group of fellows in the Equipment Division decided it was high time the Department resumed its outside athletic competition. Having made up their minds, they didn't go about the matter half way, but applied for a franchise in the Trenton Industrial League, which aside from the Trenton Giants in the Interstate League offers just about the stiffest competition to be found in this vicinity. Other clubs represented in the league are John A. Roebling's Sons, Thermoid Company, American Steel, Trenton Potteries, Prison Officers, Rossi Bakers, and the Bristol A. A.

Mr. Brackel has recruited a number of Department employees for the team, including Danny Procaccino, Warren Eltonhead and Earl Hillborn, of the Maintenance Division; Reynolds Brachelli, of Equipment; "Windy" Schleter, of Electrical; and Charlie Walker, of Administration.

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## FIRST POST-WAR ROAD MAPS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

### Several New Features Incorporated in 1946 Edition

After delays occasioned by a paper shortage and difficulties encountered in arranging printing schedules, the 1946 road map of New Jersey, the first to be printed since 1941, is now being distributed.

This map utilizes the familiar 4-color face on which appear all State highways as well as principal county and municipal roads, and unimproved connecting roads. For the first time in many years the operating railroads in the State are shown. Other features include State forests and parks, historic sites, airports and State Police stations.

The front fold of the map shows a picture of the State Capitol dome, while on the rear fold are pictures of the Blue Star Drive and the American Legion Memorial Highway.

On the back of the map will be found such valuable information as a complete listing of over 1,500 of New Jersey's principal cities, towns, boroughs and villages, a complete listing of all State parks, forests and historic sites, and a mileage chart showing the distances between the main cities and towns of the State.

Special attention has been given

to the presentation of a large detailed map of the metropolitan section, as well as to maps of the cities of Trenton and Camden. These maps show all main traffic arteries in these cities.

The 1946 map in its entirety was prepared under the supervision of Vincent Lanigan, of the Administration Division, by the Hagstrom Company, Inc., of New York. As in former years, distribution will be under the direction of A. Lee Grover, Secretary of the State Highway Department.

### Information Please

The Department recently received a query from the office of The Answer Man, a feature of the Mutual Network, regarding the location of Blue Star Drive. Answering the Answer Man was a most unusual experience.

## Citizen-Government Cooperation

"If our democracy is to endure, the average citizen must become a good citizen," said the late Theodore Roosevelt more than three decades ago. This is still sound philosophy. The good citizen is he who not only feels a sense of civic responsibility for the community, but seeks to make his community better by participation in its affairs.

Citizen cooperation is both the symbol and the substance of the democratic way of life. To preserve its substance as well as its symbol, the greatest of all struggles has been waged upon the fields of battle. Untold treasure has been poured out, unnumbered human lives have been sacrificed and countless irreplaceable churches, schools, hospitals, homes and works of art have been destroyed to achieve victory over tyranny. While we have suffered no widespread destruction of our cities, our homes, our institutions and consequent disruption of our economic life, we have learned under the stern discipline of a global struggle that our liberties won in the past by great sacrifices cannot be preserved at a lesser price.

Citizen cooperation expresses itself in a multitude of different ways lest it be limited by a single pattern. Every opportunity, as well as every example of such cooperation, fills out the outline of our democratic pattern and gives validity to our democratic faith. The pattern of citizen cooperation which has been followed by the Garden Club of New Jersey with the State Highway Department is a striking example of a modest but fruitful venture.

First of all there is the improvement of our roadsides. In recent years many of our main highways, which are the "windows of the State," have progressively deteriorated, and in many cases resemble roadside slums. Due to the lack of adequate roadside development, there exist all types of roadside establishments and an indiscriminate amount of roadside advertising. The Garden Club and the Roadsides Council have set up, with the Highway Department, an Advisory Committee to review not only existing encroachments upon the state's right-of-way, but to help set standards for definite roadside improvement and to secure enactment of appropriate zoning ordinances by local governing bodies. The creation of associations of property owners along busy highways to control commercial developments has followed in the wake of this activity.

The second example is the notable work of the State Garden Club in establishing the Blue Star Drive on the State Highway System. The Garden Club conceived a plan for providing a living memorial to the men and women of the armed services and proceeded to raise the necessary funds for the planting of dogwood trees along the six-mile section of one of the main cross-state highways, Route 29. The State Highway Department has undertaken not only to plant and maintain these trees, but will erect suitable markings to designate this area. As a result of the plan which has been evolved by the Garden Club of New Jersey, both individuals and corporations have been enabled to provide for the planting of trees in honor of their men and women in the armed services. Even the State Legislature has honored members of the Legislature who served in the second world conflict with a special memorial planting.

A survey made by the National Council of State Garden Clubs has revealed the fact that in several states similar cooperation is in effect. The high value placed upon citizen government cooperation has been responsible for the decision of the National Council to sponsor the development of living memorials on a major highway in each of the states of the Union. While such memorials will differ from state to state and the type of native trees and shrubs will depend upon local conditions, the plan itself if carried out should be most significant.

The reports which have been received thus far from the various State Highway Departments throughout the country indicate not only a friendly interest in the development of living memorials along some of the major highway routes, but a willingness to cooperate with Garden Clubs in this joint undertaking. It is to be hoped that every State Federation will start immediately to enroll in the proposed Blue Star System.

A coordinated nationwide memorial route should serve as a focus for the establishment of living memorials and result in a truly remarkable cooperative achievement.

*Spencer Miller, Jr.*  
State Highway Commissioner

## Highway Courtesy Results in Letter Of Commendation

### Beach Haven Motorist Has Happy Memories of Highwaymen's Cooperation

Late in May an anonymous group of maintenance men came to the rescue of a lady in distress and because of their helpfulness Commissioner Miller received the following letter of appreciation:

"Since more prominence is generally given to criticism rather than praise, of public employees, I am sure you will be glad to hear some of the latter.

"On Wednesday last, May 22, while I was driving alone to Philadelphia, along Route 40, a tire on my car blew out. This was about a mile east of Medford. Before I was even out of the car to see what happened, a State Highway truck, going in the opposite direction, had stopped and the driver was backing up. He asked if he could help and the three men came out of the truck and changed the tire. The spare had very little air and one of the men went into a nearby farm house and borrowed a bicycle pump to pump it up. When I tried to force a tip upon them, all three refused, saying as Highway employees, it was their duty to help motorists. Unfortunately I neglected to notice the number of the truck, so do not know who they were, but you may have that knowledge. I might add the blowout occurred around 4:30 p. m., so they were probably finished with their day's work."

"I have written so you may know I appreciate the kindness of these men, and to commend your department for such a fine spirit of service to the motoring public.

Very truly yours,  
CLARA A. ROBINSON."

## Surface Treatments And Resurfacing Get Underway

### Strikes and Inclement Weather Delay Annual Program

Under the general supervision of E. L. Storer and Supervisor of Materials Kenneth Craft, maintenance surface treatments and resurfacing are now in full sway after a slow start. Hit first by the coal strike and then in quick succession by the railroad strike and a strike by the oil distributor operators, initial operations were delayed several weeks. Inclement weather during the latter part of May and the first weeks of June made any effort to catch up on the schedule virtually impossible.

Three outfits are now engaged in this work. One, at this writing, operating on Route No. 49 between Salem and Bridgeton, is under the supervision of Inspector Fred Baker. This group has already completed work in the Southern District with Foreman Dilks, Logan, Duncan, and Croxton, ranging from Route No. 49 at Millville to Route No. 42 at Runnemede. On one of these jobs Inspector Baker suffered an eye injury and has been relieved by Inspector Herman Meury.

A second group, under the supervision of Inspector Raymond S. Drake, is now working on Route No. 4 between Absecon and Mullica River with Foreman Walter Aydelotte. Work by this crew has already been completed in Cape May and Atlantic Counties in cooperation with Foreman Ralph Evans and Amos Holt.

The third group with Inspector "Dinty" Moore has completed work on Routes S-40 and S-41 in Burlington County in cooperation with Assistant Foreman Brower and Bill Smith and Foreman C. V. (Continued on Page Two)

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## HIGHWAY BASEBALL

After a lapse of many years a State Highway Department baseball team has again been organized and is playing a regular schedule in the Trenton Industrial League. This rebirth of the diamond sport within the Department brings fond memories of yesteryear, when youthful enthusiasm made possible a number of division teams comprising a Highway league. The calibre of baseball played was mediocre at best, but no group in the country put more zest into their competition. Many Highwaymen, whose bald pates are now fringed with gray, were sprightly performers in those days when the possession of a regulation uniform gave its wearer a distinction not easily ignored.

From this modest beginning grew the first representative Highway team, an aggregation which could hold its own among the best in semi-professional ranks, and one whose exploits were witnessed by a loyal and sizeable following from within the Department. Many still recall the stirring battles waged with the team representing the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, both in Trenton and in Harrisburg.

Now that another war is over, and we are once again taking into our ranks an influx of younger men, perhaps we will see a renewal of the athletic enthusiasm of twenty-five years ago. This renaissance will be hastened if the athletes of yesterday take their places in the cheering section and root for today's edition of the State Highway baseball team.

## Surface Treatments

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Dickinson. They are now working on Route No. 40 between Brown- ing Road and Medford with Foreman Bill Dix's forces.

The bituminous spreader, operated by those old reliables Bob and Horace Kane, of the Equipment Division, has completed work on Routes No. 45 and No. 46 in the vicinity of Mullica Hill and Woodstock; on Route No. 29, the River Road between Scudders Falls and Washington's Crossing; on Route No. 28 in Somerville; on Route No. 27 between Princeton and Kingston, and is now engaged on work on Route No. 4 between Freehold and Adelphia.

## Safety Committee To Continue Work

The Safety Committee, under the chairmanship of Charles I. Levine, Claims Supervisor, will continue its work on behalf of employee safety as the result of a directive issued by State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr.

In addition to Mr. Levine, the Committee consists of Edward E. Reed, Walter A. Johnson, Halbert E. Phillips, Morgan VanHise, Donald J. Henderson, Fred A. Moetz, William M. Dix, Alfred Taylor, Earl L. Storer, and W. Carman Davis, secretary.

## CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS

Fred C. Claus

### WOODLYNNE OFFICE

Bill Hurley

"Prof." Harry Marvin donned his cap and gown to address the future engineers of New Jersey at Rutgers University on June 5. The topic of his address was General Phases of Highway Work in New Jersey. He arrived back without a scratch. No copies of the address were available for the press.

In a recent check-up of instruments in the office, it was discovered that a transit was missing. A recheck failed to disclose its whereabouts. It was decided to call in local and State Police to track it down. As the chief prepared to make the telephone call, his foot hit something under his desk, and upon investigating found it was the missing transit under his own desk.

Bob Mountford's technique for telling a story is really funny—if he could remember how the story ends.

A. R. Heintze, the ex-Seabee, has his summer haircut. This time he had it cut to the bone.

J. A. Williams, Southern Construction District Engineer, and his secretary, Mrs. Ethel Weiss, have moved into offices over the Woodlynne office.

Ed Drake, editor of the Land and Legal column, covered everything we would have said about losing George Digby from this office in last month's issue. Our item was too late to send in for publication. You never can tell when a talent scout will drop in your office.

Joe Philpot, our own Senator Klaghorn from South Carolina, is gradually adopting the routine of the office, but still refuses to play cards at noon time with the Yankees.

### TRENTON Alex Cohen

The lanky individual seen in recent days in the drafting room is none other than Ralph Fisher, newly appointed Engineer of Design. Mr. Fisher comes to us after a diversified career in the engineering field, having been associated with Commander Noble on the famous Penna. Turnpike. Welcome to the N. J. State Highway Department.

Although Walter Winchell may have overlooked the forthcoming marriage of Lorraine Finkle, June 30 is the date set for her to become Mrs. Harold Orland.

PLEASANTVILLE OFFICE  
Leland Buzzy  
George W. Patton, Assistant Highway Engineer, has recently returned to duty, following discharge from military service. He terminated active duty in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps with the

rank of captain, having served in various parts of Europe.

Herbert J. Thomas, Jr. Highway Engineer, reported for duty at this office recently. He saw service in World War II in the Pacific theatre, and was discharged with the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps.

Frank Carfagno is active in the OPA in Ocean City, having been chairman of the Food Panel of the Price Control Board for about a year.

Edgar Y. Corson should be consulted in the future regarding all matters having to do with jurisprudence. He is now furthering the ends of justice as a member of the Cape May County Grand Jury.

John L. Beckley exploded a bombshell in this office when he announced the birth of a daughter. It came as a complete surprise to everyone. The baby has been named Harriet Marie, and was born on May 8 at Atlantic City Hospital. Mother and child are both doing nicely.

May 13, Clifford M. Somers underwent a major operation at Atlantic City Hospital, where he is now recuperating.

L. S. Buzby reports a fine time in New York City, where he and Mrs. Buzby recently sojourned a few days.

Eugene M. Gillette has recently assumed charge of construction of the Beach Thorofare Bridge Approach on Absecon Boulevard. Construction on this project was resumed a short time ago, after having been suspended during the war.

A mildly humorous story has come to our notice, and we pass it on to readers of the Highway.

It seems that a newly married couple spent their honeymoon in Niagara Falls. While at the hotel there, they partook of one of their favorite snacks, limburger cheese. When they had eaten, their fill and were about to leave the hotel, they began to wonder as to how to dispose of said cheese. Seeing a flower pot on the window sill, they removed the flower, placed the cheese in the bottom of the pot, and replaced the flower.

Some days after returning home they received the following missive from the hotel: "O. K. We give up. WHERE IS IT?"

### E. V. Connell Improving

Although held incommunicado by doctor's orders, word has filtered back to Trenton that Mr. Connell is steadily improving under the summer skies of his beach home at Belpoint, Long Island. During Mr. Connell's illness, personnel matters are being handled by Edward W. Kilpatrick, Assistant State Highway Engineer.

## BRIDGE BRIEFS

A. J. LICHTENBERG

The highways of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts beckoned to Paul Gabrenas, Kenneth I. Diao and Cheng Yuan-Tsin over the Decoration Day week-end. Gabby and our friends from China had an opportunity to observe highway traffic conditions with holiday traffic. A visit to Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology was included in the 700-mile trip. Both Kenneth and Cheng were very much interested in the aesthetic features of our bridges as well as the attention given to landscaping.

Richard Schnorbus, son of our Stae, made his debut in Trenton as a baritone with a young artists group, under the direction of Robert Malone of New York. Richard will appear in a Carnegie Hall recital in New York early in July as a baritone soloist.

A soldier's letter from Italy read: "I'm enjoying Florence very much."

His girl friend replied: "If that's the way it is, you can stay there. I am having a good time with George."

BRIEFS: Harry Lefferson enjoying his vacation at Twitchell Pond, Maine, with a back to nature theme: fishing, boating, swimming and loafing . . . Welcome back J. J. Koffler and V. E. Williams, who have resumed employment with the division . . . A wish that Dave Lawshe's stay at the Naval hospital may be short and that his return to duty and civil life may be soon . . . Kenneth I. Diao hoping for a year's study at M. I. T. before returning to China . . . H. M. Bergen now with Albert Lee on the superstructure work, Route No. 35 at Morgan . . . H. R. Gabriel on the sick-list . . . After a two years' absence that California phone call from Wilbur, Jr., to Wilbur, Sr., was a mighty fine jingle . . . Cheng Yuan-Tsin struggling through month's supply of native newspapers that arrived in one batch . . . W. F. Hunter may appear at any time now . . . John H. Patrick doing a bit of recuperating and vacationing at Seaside Park—fishing is his forte . . . Sven Hedin again to the front in making a blood donation at the McKinley Hospital on May 25 in a serious post-operative requirement . . . The Bridge Division Outing at Camp Runnin Wild, in the pines at Browns Mills, lived up to its name and was an unbridled success.

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## HERE'S HOW YOUR

**GOSH BUT IT'S DARK BACK HERE!**

**THE BIRTH OF AN IDEA!**

**PUTS IDEA ON PAPER!**

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**SUGGESTION 272  
IS DISCUSSED BY  
COMMITTEE...**

Cinder spreading is mighty important during the winter months. By preventing dangerous skidding this operation saves many lives. Preston Gano, one of the many Highwaymen engaged in this safety operation, felt that a small shielded light that illuminated the inside of the truck body would not only allow him to work more efficiently but in greater safety.

At the first opportunity, Gano wrote out his idea in the form of a suggestion which he sent to the SUGGESTION BOX. He explained the difficulties of working in the dark and how the light would allow drivers approaching from the rear to see more clearly the slow moving cinder spreading truck.

Upon receipt of the suggestion, it was immediately acknowledged. A stencil was then cut, using the suggester's own words. On this copy of the suggestion the writer's name was omitted and in its place a number was affixed. From this point on the suggestion was known by this number. Mimeographed copies of the suggestion were sent to all Committee members so that they could have the opportunity to think it over before a scheduled meeting.

Gano's suggestion came before the Suggestion Committee in its proper turn. Here it was subjected to "round table" discussion. The advantages of a light in the rear of trucks were discussed as well as certain disadvantages. Finally the Committee decided to refer this suggestion to the Maintenance and Equipment Divisions and to the Safety Committee for expressions of opinion regarding its merits.

Your M. C.  
presents—

## THE LADIES... Bless Them

The suggestion that our readers might welcome an occasional picture as well as our descriptive efforts may not have been the kind solicited by the "Suggestion Box" but it was not only met very favorably by your M. C. but also put into effect as quickly as possible.

It was gratifying to note in last month's issue of THE HIGHWAY that **Ann Manion** was one of the four employees interviewed for their opinion regarding the type of publicity they would like to see printed for the Suggestion Box. Noting also the order of the pictures, we maintain it was less by coincidence and more according to customary procedure that a woman had the last word on the subject.

**Mary Richter** was a pleasing sight to behold on her recent visit to the Department. Once more a civilian, Mary's plans are tentative, and while it would be nice to see her return to her duties with the Highway, should she decide upon furthering her education we would be the first to approve the idea and wish her every success.



**MRS. SAMUEL SULLIVAN**

For the benefit of those who missed our column in the last issue of the HIGHWAY, **Mrs. Sullivan** is the former **Marie Earling**.

Luncheons seem to be in season again . . . the place—Cartaret Club . . . the feted guest, **Evelyn Maley**. In place of the corsage, her co-workers presented Evelyn with a sterling silver baby spoon and fork, and bid her a fond farewell for the year to come.

## LUNCHEON GROUP



Following luncheon at the Stacy Trent, given in honor of **Dorothy Blinn Layton**, the girls adjourned to the park for a bit of group photography. In the above, first row, from left to right are: **Bert Cunningham**, **Agnes St. John**, **Dorothy B. Layton** (wearing the corsage presented to her by hostesses), **Edith Toth**, **Ann Manion** and, if you look closely, **Alice Carrell**. Behind them, from left to right are: **Fanny Brenna**, **Miriam Devlin**, **Josephine O'Hara** peaking over **Dottie's** shoulder, **Mary Mangine** and **Frances Martin**. Absentees: **Lillian Naples** (who acted as photographer), **Lorraine Finkle**, **June Nelson**, **Mabel Beans** and **Claire Laczoni**.

With all restrictions lifted on travel and four years of "just-thinking-about-it" at an end, the next few months should see a new vacation record set by the girls. **Elsie Taylor** initiated the season with a hard-to-beat trip to California where she had been visiting relatives since the early part of May . . . A few months ago the general direction of our vacationists was South. Today, while not quite as far as the Coast, the girls seem to be heading West . . . **Edith Toth** plans on trip to Detroit, Michigan, in the near future to attend her brother's wedding . . . The I.G.A.S. Convention held in Hotel Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y., will have among its number **Mildred Friedman** . . . The State of Ohio also affords many scenic spots as witnessed by **Mabel Beans** on her recent visit to the College of Wooster.

A wee baby girl, **Betty Barbara** by name, was born on May 22 to **Betty Durisin** who resigned from the Department sometime ago. Betty's husband, home from the service, is back in the ranks as a civilian and the Durisin's post war dreams have materialized. We'd like to note at this point that **Anne Spector's** plans are fast becoming reality.

Witnessing the departure of any of the girls on leave of absence is rather sad whatever the occasion which prompts the request. **Eileen Logan**, whose leave was effective June 1, will be sorely missed and we hope it will not be a matter of a full year before her return to the Department.

'Bye now . . .

## Robbins on Committee

**Harry D. Robbins** has been named to serve on the Suggestion Committee filling the place vacated by Sigvald Johannesson who resigned due to the pressure of other duties. Mr. Robbins is District Construction Engineer. Other members of the Committee are: **A. J. Lichtenberg**, chairman; **W. C. Davis**, secretary; **W. R. Bellis**, **S. E. Bullock**, **F. C. Claus**, **E. V. Connell** (ex-officio), **H. Fowler**, **D. J. Henderson**, **R. A. Sherman**, **W. VanBremen**, **P. L. Voss**, and **C. Wear**.

Doctor: "Your husband must have absolute quiet. Here is a sleeping powder."

Wife: "When do I give it to him?"

Doctor: "You don't give it to him—you take it yourself."

Four more Maintenance employees have returned from military service and either have or will report for active duty in the near future. **Dorsey Schiable** has returned to duty as Assistant Foreman under Foreman **Frank Lewallen** in one of the sign repair crews. **Jack Mannfield, Jr.** and **Leon L. Van Sant**, both of Trenton, will report to Foreman **John T. Carr, Jr.** in the traffic line painting outfit, and **John Davey**, of Sussex, will report July 1st for duty with Foreman **Sydney Webster's** maintenance crew. Word has been received, too, from **Chris Mulrain**, who formerly worked as a traffic counter in the Electrical Division but transferred to Maintenance while in the service, that he had received his discharge out in California. He expects to report for active duty just as soon as he has completed arrangements for moving his family from the west coast back to New Jersey. It is expected that he will work with the maintenance crew under Foreman **Walter Aydelotte** operating out of Egg Harbor.

It is with regret that we announce the death of two veteran employees: **Charles Brower**, of New Brunswick, formerly employed in the crew under Foreman **Arthur Willmott**, who died on Thursday, May 23, and **Ignatius Messores**, also of New Brunswick, who had worked in the landscape maintenance crew under Foreman **J. E. F. Johnson**. Both of these men had been valued employees of the Division since their employment in 1935 and 1938 respectively. To their survivors we extend the sincere sympathy of the entire Department.

**John Frederick**, of Freehold, who has been ill for some time at the Monmouth Memorial Hospital in Long Branch, has been returned to his home. Jack's condition is reported as extremely serious, but it is hoped that his return home will bring some improvement. He celebrated his 76th birthday on April 26. Jack works in the maintenance crew under Foreman **Keneth Ely**. Two other members of this crew, **Luther Van Dorn** and **Fred White**, celebrated their 71st birthdays on May 12 and 11, respectively.

Supervisor **Lew Klockner** has one of the champion tall story tellers of the Department in **Dave Scuyler**, of Califon, who works for Foreman **Paul Haney**. Dave, in company with several other men in this crew, was helping dismantle snow fence which had been erected up in Hunterdon County adjacent to Route No. 28. According to Dave, just after they had taken the snow fence off the posts and were laying it out on the ground

preparatory to rolling it up, the fence happened to fall on one of Hunterdon County's famous jackrabbits. Badly frightened, the rabbit got to its feet with one end of the fence caught in its back and tore across the field pulling the entire 100 feet of snow fence with him. Fortunately for the Department, just as the rabbit left the confines of the open field he darted between two trees which caught the ends of the fence and pulled it from the rabbit's back. Otherwise we could be out 100 feet of decidedly scarce snow fence. What a rabbit!

**Angela Monzo**, of Hammonton, who works for Foreman **Tony Capella**, has entered the U. S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia for a corrective operation. Good luck and an early recovery, Angelo.

**Bill Morton**, of Foreman **John Rankin's** Monmouth County crew, has returned to work following a long convalescence after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Supervisor **M. A. Lanzara** is now occupying his newly built home at 1737 Lawrence Road, R. D. No. 4, Trenton, and has promised us a house-warming soon. Just to keep things within the Department during the housing scarcity, Foreman **Thomas Deslo** moved into the premises of Tyler Street, Trenton, which Mr. Lanzara vacated.

Word comes to us that **Mr. C. C. Thomson**, of Paulsboro, who retired from his duties as a foreman with this Division in 1941, has been in the West Jersey Hospital, Camden, with an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Thomson is the father-in-law of Foreman **Wilmer Duncan**.

Landscape Foreman **Howard Van Benthuyzen** is managing the Junior American Legion Baseball Club down in Belmar. Howard's boys have been going great guns, and it is expected that they will bring home the Monmouth County Region championship. If so, they are up against stiff competition from the Trenton Schrots, who appear the likely winners of the Mercer County crown. Those of us here in Trenton are looking toward to the visit of Howard's club if and when the eventual county winners are decided.

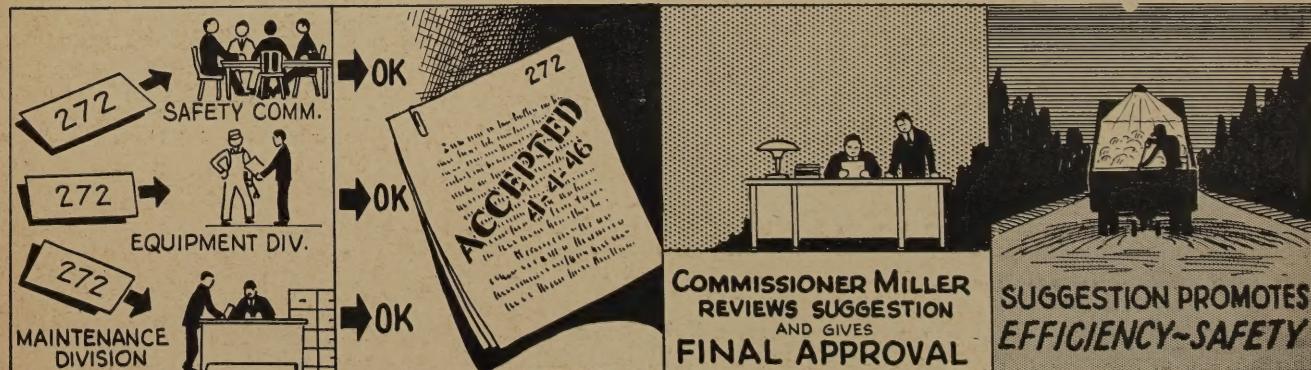
## Road Map Exhibit

An interesting map exhibit is now set up in the Board Room of the State House Annex. State Highway Road Maps dating from 1903 through many editions up to 1946 are shown.

Of special interest is the Road Map upon which appears "Improved Wagon Roads of New Jersey." This map was published coincident with the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition and is the earliest of New Jersey's road maps.

A short history of the origin of road maps also makes very interesting reading.

## SUGGESTION BOX WORKS



The suggestion for a working light was discussed by each of these groups. The Safety Committee agreed that the suggestion would give "greater safety"; the Equipment Division OK'd the practical aspects of the installation; and the Maintenance Division approved it from an efficiency standpoint. Their opinions were then sent back to the Suggestion Committee.

With the endorsements of "outside" groups, Gano's suggestion for a working light was again taken up by the Suggestion Committee at a later meeting. After further discussion into all phases of the suggestion, a motion was made for its acceptance. The Committee members voted individually and a tally was made. A majority voting in favor of the suggestion, it was then sent to Commissioner Miller for final approval.

With the recommendation of the Suggestion Committee as well as all other available data before him, Commissioner Miller studied the suggestion and gave it his official approval. Since the suggestion was accepted by the Committee, the name of the suggester was then made known. He would have remained anonymous, however, in case the suggestion had been rejected.

The suggester was then notified of the action of the Commissioner and the Suggestion Committee. The Equipment Division was also notified of the official approval and trucks employed in cinder spreading operations will be equipped with a working light as soon as materials and labor are available.

## Offer Prizes in Varied Contests

### Governor's Fishing Tournament and Photo Contest Featured

The New Jersey Council, the State's promotional agency, is sponsoring an amateur photo contest, a fishing tournament and scenic and historic tours for the entertainment of the unprecedented influx of vacationists expected to visit Garden State resorts this summer.

The photo contest, "Picture New Jersey," is open to all amateur camera fans, regardless of residence, although only New Jersey subjects will be considered. The contest remains open until September 30, and prizes include eleven one and two-week vacations to winners and companion, three deep-sea charter boat trips, and \$50 cash awards.

The Sixth Annual Governor's Fishing Tournament also is open to everyone regardless of residence and age. Fish entered in the contest include those caught in New Jersey fresh water streams and lakes and in the salt waters off the coast. The Governor's trophy, special juvenile awards and prizes for the heaviest fish of all species will be presented following the tourney's close, November 30.

Another activity of the New Jersey Council has been to outline special motor trips to New Jersey's scenic and historic sites. The first of these special tours was inaugurated Washington's Birthday and participated in by several hundred people from all parts of the State. The Council has prepared a pamphlet which outlines twelve tours, and is illustrated with sketch maps. This pamphlet, together with pamphlets describing the photo contest and the fishing tournament, may be secured free upon application to the Council office in Trenton.

Among other publications—also free—which should be of interest to holiday seekers in New Jersey is a 72-page, lavishly illustrated vacation guide, and a State Date Book which lists in calendar form some two hundred events to take place in New Jersey this year, including fairs, horse and automobile races, flower and dog shows, sporting events of all kinds, baby parades, beauty pageants and conventions.

We heartily recommend both of these books to all who are interested in touring New Jersey, as well as keeping posted on events of general interest.

## Highway Enters Industrial League

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To augment these employees, it has been necessary to secure other players sufficiently skilled to compete in the fast company of the Industrial League from outside the Department. Every effort, however, is being made to use just as many Department employees as possible and any one interested in playing should get in touch with Mgr. Brackel at the Fernwood Service Station.

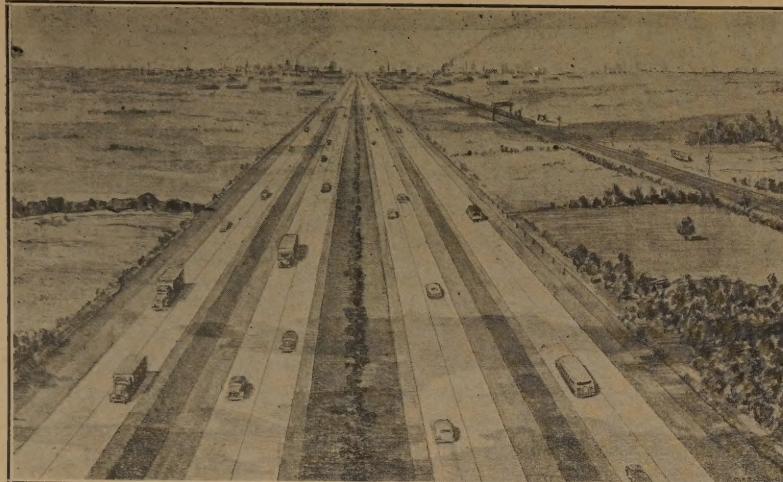
The long lay-off from league competition and the lateness in organizing the team has been reflected in the results to date. The team occupies the cellar position with only one victory in eleven starts. The last several games, however, were closely contested and the boys should bring home their share of victories from now on.

Assisting Brackel in coaching the team is Gene Beckner, of the Maintenance Division, one of the veterans remaining from the baseball team managed by Jimmy Walter which represented the Department in the old State Capitol League back in 1935, and earlier teams managed by Marvin Riley in 1930 and '31. At one time Gene played ball as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals' farm system.

Other members of the teams who played in these early 30's and who are still employed by the Department include Don McNeil, Russ Cook, Harry Hall, Larry Zazzo, Frank Lewallen, Dave Lawshe (military service), Vince Rebbeck, Ollie Doll and Joe (Tiger) Tallon.

Jimmy Walter and Bill Ras-

## A MILESTONE IN HIGHWAY PROGRESS



Route 100 advanced another step toward realization on April 1 when the Assembly passed a bill authorizing the beginning of construction of that portion which will extend from the George Washington Bridge to Metuchen.

The total estimated cost of the project, which will be spread over several years, is \$50,000,000, while the initial expenditure will be \$10,000,000.

Route 100 is designed as a dual-dual highway with four traveling lanes in each direction. The two center roadways for through traffic will be separated by a 30-foot divider and will be planted with shrubs to stop the glare of on-coming headlights. Besides having two 12-foot lanes in each direction, these roadways will be provided with a 5-foot shoulder adjacent to the center island and a 10-foot shoulder bordering on the 10-foot island separating them from the flanking roadways.

Through open country Route 100 will occupy a 226-foot right-of-way, but on structures this will be reduced by narrowing island and shoulders to a total width of 153 feet.

### EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Word has been received that Ed Miller, one of our veteran mechanics working out of Toms River Garage, has entered the Middlesex General Hospital in New Brunswick for observation. We all hope that Ed's fears are unfounded and that he will not have to undergo that operation.

Ray Kendall, of our Merchantville Garage, reports a visit from the stork on May 9, leaving an 8-lb baby girl. Mother and daughter are home once again and doing fine, and Papa Ray is doing OK, too.

Hearing quite a commotion and falling glass in his home in Mauicetown early on the morning of May 29 during an electrical storm, Frank Compton of our Vineland Garage jumped out of bed shouting to Mrs. Compton "Get my gun!" An inspection of the house revealed nothing wrong until he returned to his own bedroom where he discovered a 4-ft. mirror shattered and an electric outlet burned out. His only belief is that a bolt of lightning entered causing the damage described as well as the commotion.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the following Fernwood employees upon the death of members of their immediate families: Charles Hart, whose mother passed away at her home in Merverville on May 30th; Clarence Becker, whose father passed away at his home in Altoona, Pa., on May 21; John McEwan, whose wife passed away at her home in Trenton on May 29. Mrs. McEwan was the mother of Norman McEwan, another of our employees.

Gilbert Ettinger, familiarly known to all at Fernwood as "Gibby," and who has performed such a fine job of keeping the office and buildings clean at Fernwood for over twenty years, has been on the sick-list and confined to his home lately. On May 27 "Gibby" reached the ripe old age of 75 years and in honor of the occasion his friends at Fernwood presented him with an easy chair. They all hope that it will help to speed his recovery and that he will shortly be his old self once again.

mussen are assisting Mgr. Brackel on the business end of arrangements.

### PLANNING SURVEY

FLORENCE FRANKE

In the absence of our Chief Reporter, John Christiano, who is on field work, and Joseph Natale, who was pinch-hitting for him and who was also assigned to work in the field, the current reporter is doing some wishful thinking. Field work sounds inviting these nice spring days.

Spring is officially here. Juan Delgado came in this morning looking cool as a breeze in a light gray suit and blue polka-dot tie.

Our boss, Vincent Berberich, made us all envious reciting a mouth-watering account of a luncheon he had in Newark one day last week in which was featured a large wedge of homemade apple pie "with powdered sugar on it, too!" "Any seconds?" he was asked. "Only one piece to a customer," was the sad reply.

That gentleman with the tan, out-of-door look is Charlie Freeman. He knows all the baseball scores.

Tony Amabile wanted to build a bigger and better incubator on his chicken farm. But, after multiplying the number of hens he now has by the kernels of corn necessary to feed them for a year, plus the possibility of selling some of the eggs, and dividing the remainder of something or other by the anticipated market for broilers, it was found that he could not procure the lumber.

Al Maspoli has had a deposit on a new car since the fall of 1945. After several postponements he was finally advised he might expect delivery of the car in the summer of 1947. Al has decided to fly to Switzerland instead.

Florence Bustamante and Lillian Russo have had their heads together the past two weeks. It's a work huddle, however.

John Annucci is reputed to be the best coffee maker in these parts. Johnny thinks the fact that no one wants to be bothered with the making of the coffee at lunch time may have something to do with his rising reputation. He has put his foot down rather firmly on washing the coffee pot, though.

Louise Becker is looking like her

## Administration Division

Arthur Egan

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Howell motored to Whitewater, Wisconsin, where they will visit with Marvin's brother.

A cordial welcome is extended to Mabel Beans who has been transferred from the Construction Division to the Administration Division. She has been assigned to the Cost Department. Mabel is presently attending the International Business Machine School in Trenton.

Being a luncheon partner of Harry Hill for many years, we have often listened, with tongue in cheek, to his claim to the secret of perpetual youth. However, he did startle us the other day by announcing that he could not go to lunch because he had to visit his local draft board. We hadn't heard the news broadcast that morning and for an awful moment we thought someone had carelessly thrown an atom bomb or two. However, it developed that Harry's purpose was to inquire about his young son Bill.

The recent railroad strike was not without incident to the commuters in the office. Frank Torke with driving from Camden was stopped by a nail in a tire, discovered he had no jack, put in a call for assistance, canceled the call when Al Faxon, driving by, supplied the jack, then was left worse than before when it was found that the jack would not work on his car. A passing truck driver finally rescued him from his predicament. During all this, Frank has the questionable benefit of helpful comment from Dave Rodman.

George Dederick transported the northern group to and from work in Highway Car 175. George gave a gallant performance as he weaved the car in and out of the swollen traffic on Route 25. He is now known to veterans of the trip as Casey Jones Dederick.

Bill Keeney, Chief Storekeeper, has returned to the Department after three and one-half years' service with the Navy. Bill, also a veteran of World War No. 1, had a son in the Navy. Congratulations on your fine record and welcome back.

CHATTER: Charles Walker, just recently released by the Navy, has had his tonsils removed by the Army doctors at Tilton Hospital, Fort Dix. John Egan (who should be a drama critic by now), attended a performance of "Anna Lucasta." Bill Ward enjoyed a performance of the hit "Carousel."

real self again. Two operations within a year is an ordeal.

Edward Godlewski is being initiated into the work in the field. Ed served in the Navy and was doing duty in the Pacific.

May Dempsey is our Lady in Green. She's very gracious in the use of her nice car to transport us over the Ramps.

Marion Goldberg and May MacClellan keep us in touch with the latest in hair-dos.

Francis Dombrowski with the charming smile and infectious laughter, thinks the world doesn't get any better worrying about things.

John Cumming, Jr., is also an ex-Navy man. John is returning to college in the fall.

## Three New Positions Included In On-the-Job Training Program

### Employment for Qualified Veterans in Bridge and Right-of-way Divisions

The on-the-job training program for veterans in the Highway Department has been extended by the addition of three more titles, Bridge Detailer (trainee), Junior Bridge Designer (trainee), and Right-of-Way Negotiator (trainee). Upon application of J. J. Newmark, Special Engineer, the State Highway Commissioner, the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Education have approved these titles.

Bridge Detailer (Trainee) is open to veterans who have graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. Such trainees will receive training in the Bridge Division of the Trenton Office for a two-year period, during which time the Highway Department will pay them \$150 per month and the Veterans Administration will pay the remaining \$50 per month, making the total entrance salary of \$200 per month.

The title of Junior Bridge Designer (Trainee) was also approved. The initial requirements for that are graduation with a degree in Civil Engineering, plus two years' experience in structural engineering work. These trainees will receive two years' additional training in the Bridge Division of the Department, during which time the State Highway Department will pay the trainee \$200 per month and the Veterans Adminis-

tration will pay the remaining \$50 per month, making the total entrance salary of \$250 per month.

The third added training position is for the Division of Appraisal and Negotiation. The position approved by the Civil Service Commission is that of Right-of-Way Negotiator (Trainee). The requirements are graduation in Civil Engineering or equivalent, plus at least one year's experience in Civil or Highway Engineering. Such trainees will receive two years of training in the Division of Appraisal and Negotiation in right-of-way engineering work, appraisals and negotiations, during which time the Department will pay the trainee \$150 per month and the Veterans Administration will pay the balance of the salary, making a total of \$220 per month as the entrance salary for married applicants.

Permanent appointments in each of the above positions will be made after certification by the Civil Service Commission at the entrance salary for the respective positions.